## Thoughts from DKG NextGen

## Why I joined DKG:

- \*Mom was in DKG.
- \*We will nurture you, we won't let you down. (And they didn't!)
- \*I felt very honored to be noticed.

## What are we doing well:

- \*When I come to meetings discouraged from a day with kids, my discouragement dissolves and I am inspired again.
- \*I receive wonderful guidance from wise women.
- \*I enjoy the people with all the diversity and variety of backgrounds.
- \*The traditions are wonderful.
- \*I am so proud of DKG. The quality of the content of our breakout sessions at conventions far exceeds any other I have attended.
- \*The meetings are interactive and fun. Our attendance is up!
- \*The women are so much fun. At first I thought, oh my gosh. What have I gotten myself into? But after talking a bit, I realized these older women have so much to share and they know about the current challenges we are facing.
- \*I feel valued because after I have served in an office, I can turn around and train someone else.
- \*I have great networking. Problems get solved in my chapter!
- \*I feel proud to have such wonderful speakers: MTOY, Corrie Tan Boom .....(referring to Olive Horning)
- \*This is MY time away = GIRL TIME!

## **How Can We Improve:**

- \*Let new members serve on a committee and follow for at least two years before asking them to be in a leadership role in the chapter. It no longer feels like an honor to be asked to be President too soon!!
- \*Continue striving to utilize technology to its fullest.
- \*I find it hard to come to conventions due to the cost. I am already putting so much money into my classroom every month, I don't have the extra two or three hundred to attend. They sound wonderful, but even with a scholarship for the registration fee, it would be too expensive.
- \*Please ask me to help do something. I won't offer; I'm young and new, but I will do anything for you if you ask.
- \*Get the DKG name known. Even the best educators do not know about it.

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